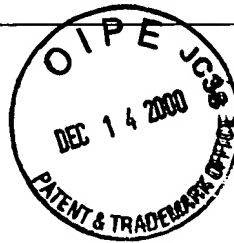


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Sir:

This is a Response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2000 having a statutory period for response set to expire on December 29, 2000. In response to the election of species requirement contained in the Office Action, Applicants elect species A. Embodiment I: (Fig. 1-7). Claims 25-39 read on the elected species.

However, independent claim 25 is generic to both species. Accordingly, upon allowance of this claim, consideration of dependent claims directed to the non-elected species is requested.

Favorable consideration and allowance of claims 25-46 is requested. Also being filed with this Response is an Information Disclosure Statement. Should any issues remain, the Examiner is asked to contact the undersigned by telephone.

Respectfully submitted:



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